

The Coeyman House
502 Belleville Avenue
Belleville, Essex County, New Jersey

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Owner: Essex County Park Commission

Date of Erection: About 1850

Architect:

Builder: Minard Coeyman or Benjamin Blewett

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: One and one-half

Materials of Construction: Foundation - sandstone

Exterior walls - frame
construction

Interior walls - plaster

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - pitch with gable dormer

Historical Data:

We have called this The Coeyman House mainly because that family was an old and prominent Dutch one. It might just as easily be called the Benjamin Blewett house. A search of records back to 1822 fails to show mention of a house. There was a sheriff sale in 1834 and Michael Sandford bought 52.79 acres of land with the factory of the New Jersey Bleaching, Printing, and Dying Company and its machinery for the mortgage, \$1425.00.

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Sandford sold 6.67 acres to Minard Coeyman in 1847 for three hundred dollars. Coeyman sold in 1850 to Benjamin Blewett. Blewett held title until 1865. Judging from the construction, the building was built around the year 1850. We are inclined to believe Coeyman bought the lot and built the house as a business venture. Incidentally, until the Park Commission obtained title, no one held title longer than fifteen years, as a matter of fact a couple of years was a long time; one year three transfers are recorded.

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